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Mayor Tom Barrett issued the following statement regarding today's hearing in Madison on Assembly Bill 65:

“WOW!”

“They really don’t care about local government, do they? Or maybe they just don’t care about local control in Milwaukee.

“Today the Assembly Committee on Labor and Workforce Development is holding a hearing on a bill to eliminate the City of Milwaukee’s right to require residency as a condition of employment for sworn police and fire personnel.

“The Assembly bill was introduced Monday and today’s hearing was announced on Tuesday. This is an extraordinarily fast-tracked schedule.

“The bill is being rushed through the normal legislative channels to negate a Milwaukee ordinance that was enacted in 1938.

“That’s right. In two days, the Assembly Republicans are trying to rush legislation that has been the local law of the State’s largest city for more than 70 years.

“So much for good government. So much for local control in Milwaukee.”